

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-16, and 18-31 are pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3-16, and 18-31 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. With respect to Claim 1, support for the amendment that the first transformation function “is only known to the buyer” can be found, without limitation, in the paragraph beginning on line 15 of page 22 of the Specification and in the paragraphs beginning on lines 5, 14, and 21 of page 24 of the Specification. Support for the amendment that “a first set of non-comparative bid parameters” and “a second set of non-comparative bid parameters” is determined can be found, without limitation, in the paragraph beginning on line 18 of page 15 of the Specification, in the paragraph beginning on line 1 of page 17 of the Specification, in the paragraph beginning on line 17 of page 21 of the Specification, and pages 30-33 of the Specification.

Claims 3-15 depend from Claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Claim 16 also recites that the first transformation function “is only known to the buyer” and determining “a first set of non-comparative bid parameters” and “a second set of non-comparative parameters” and is believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

Claims 18-30 depend from Claim 16 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.


Claim 31 also recites that the first transformation function “is only known to the buyer” and determining “a first set of non-comparative bid parameters” and “a second set of non-comparative parameters” and is believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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